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PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.
His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Wilton Fawkes, the new Naval Commander-in-Chief, paid an official visit to his Excellency the Governor-General on Thursday night. The Vice-Admiral was accompanied by his wife and daughter. The Governor-General was accompanied by his wife and daughter. The visit was a most pleasant one, and the Vice-Admiral was most cordially received.

The Governor-General and Lord Jersey, who are touring Otago, were entertained on Thursday night at a dinner given by the Hon. Mr. J. Russell. The dinner was most successful, and the guests were most cordially received.

The fact that Sir Harry Rawson, the Governor of New South Wales, had been in the city on Thursday night, was a matter of some interest. Sir Harry was accompanied by his wife and daughter. The visit was a most pleasant one, and the Vice-Admiral was most cordially received.

At the annual distribution of prizes at the Sydney Grammar School yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. Russell, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. The prizes were most successfully distributed, and the students were most cordially received.

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RUSSIA'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

BALTIC REPUBLIC.
AN ORGANISED GOVERNMENT.
RICE PILLAGED AND MURDERED.
TROOPS FOR LIBERTY.

JOIN HANDS WITH REVOLUTIONARIES.
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GERMANY'S AMBITION.

AGGRESSION AGAINST BRITAIN.
RENOUNCED BY SOCIALISTS.
IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR'S THREATS.

Mr. Babel, the leader of the Social Democratic party in the Reichstag, speaking in the Chamber yesterday, implied that the German Emperor was determined to go to war against Great Britain and Germany. It was he who gave the signal for the increase of fleets in all countries. Yet an alliance between Great Britain and Germany, Herr Babel said, would mean a lasting peace in Europe.

Prince Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor, said it was nonsense to pretend that Germany was pursuing aggressive policies against Great Britain. He told the Reichstag that there had been a violent collision between Emperor William and King Edward. It was untrue that Germany was ever on the point of declaring war against Great Britain, or ever irritated or provoked Great Britain.

Germany, Prince Bulow asserted, only claimed the same equal room in matters of commerce, industry, and navigation as other nations. The British belief that Germany's intentions were caused by Social Democrats perpetually representing Germany as a disturber of peace.

Prince Bulow warned the Socialists not to proceed from words to deeds, otherwise "you will see what will follow."

Refugee landowners, who are suffering at Riga, report that the whole peasantry has risen, and have murdered many of the landowners, declaring that until the National Union has made laws they will do as they like.

Cossacks have been urged to suppress the agrarian movement in Manchuria to suppress the agrarian movement.

The Car has ordered the Government of Vilna, to the south of the Baltic provinces, to send immediately to the provinces every available soldier to crush the republican movement.

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LIBERAL POLICY.

DATE OF LIBERATION.
LONDON, Dec. 15.
Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, will address the Liberal Federation at the Albert Hall on the 21st instant, when it is expected he will indicate his policy.

It is expected that Parliament will be dissolved on January 8.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY.
Mr. Thomas Ryburn Buchanan, M.P. for the East Division of Perthshire, has been appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.
The Earl of Elgin, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in replying to the congratulations of the Agents-General, said that he would do his utmost to promote the interests of the Empire.

PRESERVING THE COLONIES.
UNDER-SECRETARY'S IDEAS.
Mr. Winston Churchill, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Colonies, addressing the City Liberal Club last night, said that free trade, self-government, and peace would be the principles governing the Liberal's colonial policy.

"The nation," he added, "giving with an open hand and open heart all it is able to give, is not asking for anything in return, but is seeking no calculated repayment, is the only nation able to preserve through all the years loyal, powerful, prosperous, and profitable colonies."

LABOUR VOTE.
SOLIDARITY SOUGHT FOR.
The Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress has appealed to workers to vote only for candidates pledged to the Trades Union programme and willing to assist labour to win its natural rights, including a higher standard of living.

BROWBEATING FRANCE.
GERMANY'S RECTORING METHODS.
SUDDEN CHANGE OF POLICY.
A Yellow Book on foreign affairs has been published in Paris. The matters of chief interest are the negotiations between France and Germany, and the documents appear to justify fully France's loyalty and straightforwardness throughout the negotiations.

The French suddenly changed her policy in January last, and refused to be appeased even when M. Delcasse, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, resigned.

Prince Bulow, on June 23, warned M. Ribot, the French Ambassador, of the danger of leaving "this land, this very land, to drift." He alluded to the "perils of lingering on the border on a precipice, even on the abyss."

The "Times" says it is clear that the quarrel between France and Germany had no solid foundation, and that it was willfully founded upon France.

THE COMMONWEALTH.
IN FEDERAL SESSION.
THE SENATE.
(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
The Minister for Customs sought in the House of Representatives to-day to introduce the Customs Bill, which would have dealt with, but objection being taken by the deputy leader of the Opposition, the Minister had to content himself with giving notice for the greater part of the day the House was engaged considering the Customs Bill.

NEW ZEALAND.
INVERCARGILL LOCAL OPTION POLL.
The result of the Invercargill local option poll is as follows: For the sale of the town, 1,000 votes; for the sale of the town, 1,000 votes; for the sale of the town, 1,000 votes.

THE NEW FLAGSHIP.

ARRIVAL OF THE POWERFUL AT SYDNEY.
ADMIRAL FAWKES CANCELS SALUTES.
OFFICIAL CALLS ON BOARD.
THE LARGEST COMPANY IN THE NAVY.

Shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning H.M.S. Powerful, the flagship of Vice-Admiral Fawkes, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Australian fleet, made her entrance into the harbour, and as she entered the port her splendid band struck up with "The British Grenadiers," followed by "The Union Jack," "Under the Old Flag," and "The Australian National Anthem." The ship was met by a large number of citizens and assembled along the wharves, and the Powerful majestically steamed forward, and by 10 o'clock had moored at the buoy prepared for her.

The journey of 13,000 miles from Portsmouth was accomplished without a hitch, and the ship's company looked forward to a very happy time on the Australian station.

The flag of Vice-Admiral Fawkes was hoisted, and a considerable assemblage was indulged in by those who had assembled to witness the arrival of the new fleet. The ship's company was met by a large number of citizens and assembled along the wharves, and the Powerful majestically steamed forward, and by 10 o'clock had moored at the buoy prepared for her.

BENDIGO TRAGEDY.
A MYSTERIOUS CRIME.
MRS. SCANLAN'S STORY.
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history, geography, dictation, drawing, and mapping. R. writing, composition, drawing. The Lackey mine and battery are working full-handed. Work at the Big Hill, would be possible to put through about 200 tons weekly, in addition to what is now

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18s 9d, 18s 10d. Chillagoe
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Mary, b 6d, s 8d; No. 1 North Home Rule, crosscut gives a lode formation of 174ft. of which 60ft
contg. b 11d, s 3d; Oriental Surprise, b is 2d, is good grade carbonate of lead ore, and 500 ton

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Victorian mines: Band and Loch, 6s, 6 1/2 s
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Howe, M.L.C., presided over a large attendance. In moving the adoption of the report

A large quantity of gold by doling and smelting as yielded 10s 16dwt. Cu. The report is incomplete for the reason that the smeltermen mention of the quality. Under such circumstances, it is not possible to make a final grade as rich as the Co. Co. is being worked three miles south of Tumbler in the STATE.

LITHGOW, Friday, May 10, 1907.
The mine workings at Tumbler are doing well. In man and a three and a half ounce of gold. The ore is being up. At Sunny Corner, on the surface, there was an accumulation of about 15,000 to 18,000 tons of tailings from the old mill, which were estimated to assay 12 per cent. lead, 80 silver, and 22 per cent. zinc. Efforts were made to sell this heap, but two offers were made, which were considered unsatisfactory, and it was decided to retreat the tailings to the mill. The recovery of lead and silver while the present high prices render it profitable to do so. In addition to the tailings referred to, there was an accumulation of about 150,000 tons of poorer tailings, estimated to contain 10 per cent. lead, 100 silver, and 7 per cent. zinc. At the present high prices of lead, it was thought that this material could be sold for a profit, and experiments would shortly be made to test this. If only three units of lead can be re-

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The coal trade this week has been brisk, two shipping orders having been filled. The coal trade at Lithgow started on Monday last, but on Wednesday night the engine broke down, and the coal trade was null was laid idle. It is expected that three weeks will elapse before everything is ready for the coal trade to start again. At the end of the week, The sheet mill, steel turners, foundries, and other parts of the works have been running as usual.

The Colmar copper rolling works and the Lloyd smelter works are continuing to work. The Colmar works are still working their shale mine at Blackman's Crown, and getting out about 100 tons of shale a week. It has about 40 men employed, and will probably acquire a good many more after the New Year.

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